

Rock Solid Warrior

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How do you support the mission here?

It is my responsibility to ensure every crew has what they need to perform their particular mission. I do my very best to be on the ramp for every launch and half time. I go out to the crews and check to make sure they have enough water or if they need anything accomplished to help them out. If there are any types of discrepancies, I try to coordinate between the aircrew and the different organizations to resolve any issues and send them on their way. As an evaluator loadmaster, I try to mentor and teach my young loadmasters as much as possible. It is my goal to make all of my loadmasters better than me.

How many times have you deployed and what makes this one unique?

I cannot remember which deployment this is, I stopped keeping track. I love to deploy, so I do so as much as possible. I have to tell you though, the one thing that separates this deployment from the others are the outstanding relationships we have with all the different organizations and different people that we have been able to build on since day one. Everyone out here has had such great attitudes. Usually at this point in the deployment you start to hear a lot of whining, people are really standoffish, and you dread the alarm clock going off because you know you have to get up and get ready for another day of work. Everyone we deal with on a day-to-day basis still has the same great attitudes, eagerness, and drive that they have had since day one. I am really proud of all our folks. It is hard to believe, but everyone makes me prouder of them every single day. The bar gets raised higher and higher and our folks stay focused and beat that bar every single day. It is a real tribute and testament to all of our leadership out here in the dust and the dirt with us doing the job every day.

How does your job differ in a deployed environment vs. home base?

One great thing about my job while being deployed is I get the opportunity to fly with the 737th EAS aircrews. I can go out and see how others from different major commands and bases operate. At Dyess AFB, I get to fly with just the 40th AS guys and gals. The operations tempo has always been, and I venture to guess will always be, much higher at deployed locations. We get the opportunity to fly real cargo and passengers into and out of theatre compared to what we accomplish on local training lines. Nothing beats when you get the mission that carries 56 passengers and two pallets out of theatre back to the air base here in Southwest Asia to catch a rotator home. You know you just helped our brothers and sisters in arms on their first step headed home from deployment. It truly is the best feeling to know you did that.